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Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

Data for December 2006

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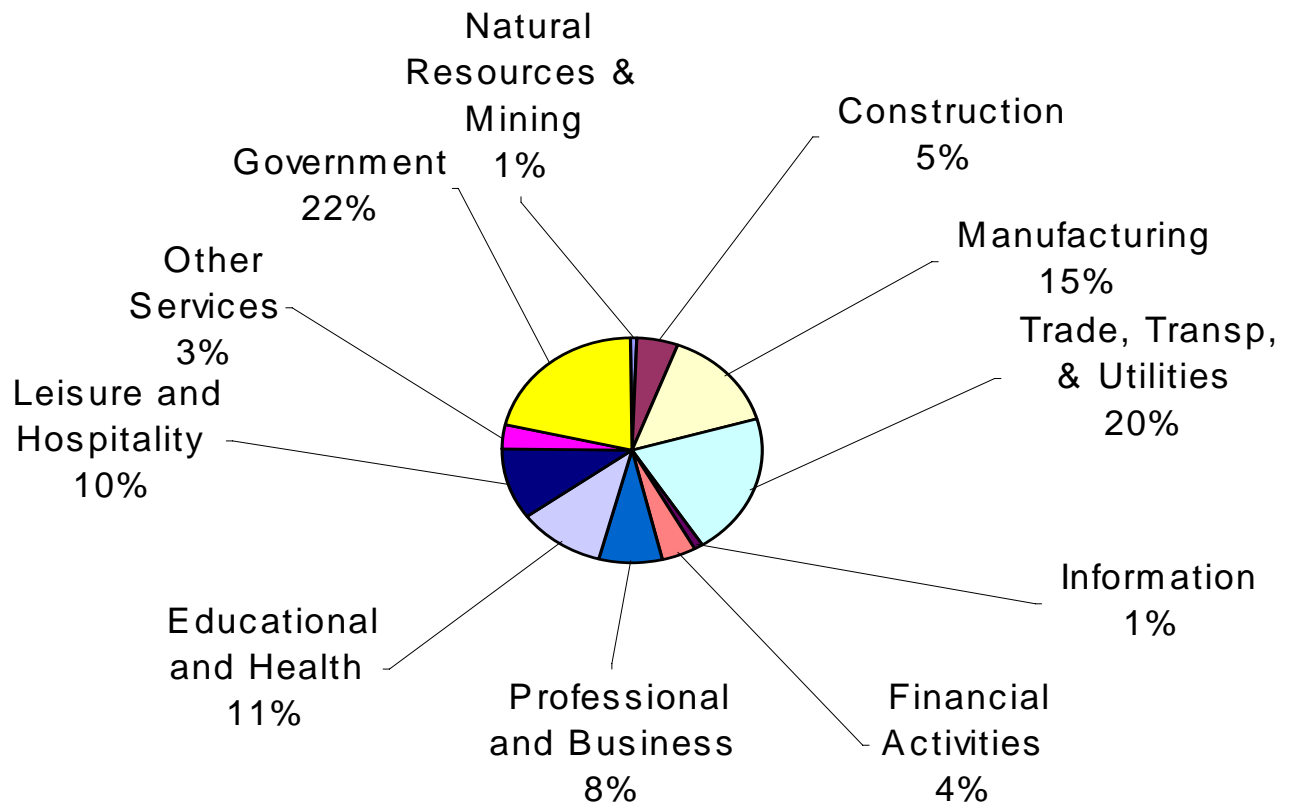
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Mississippi Nonfarm Employment

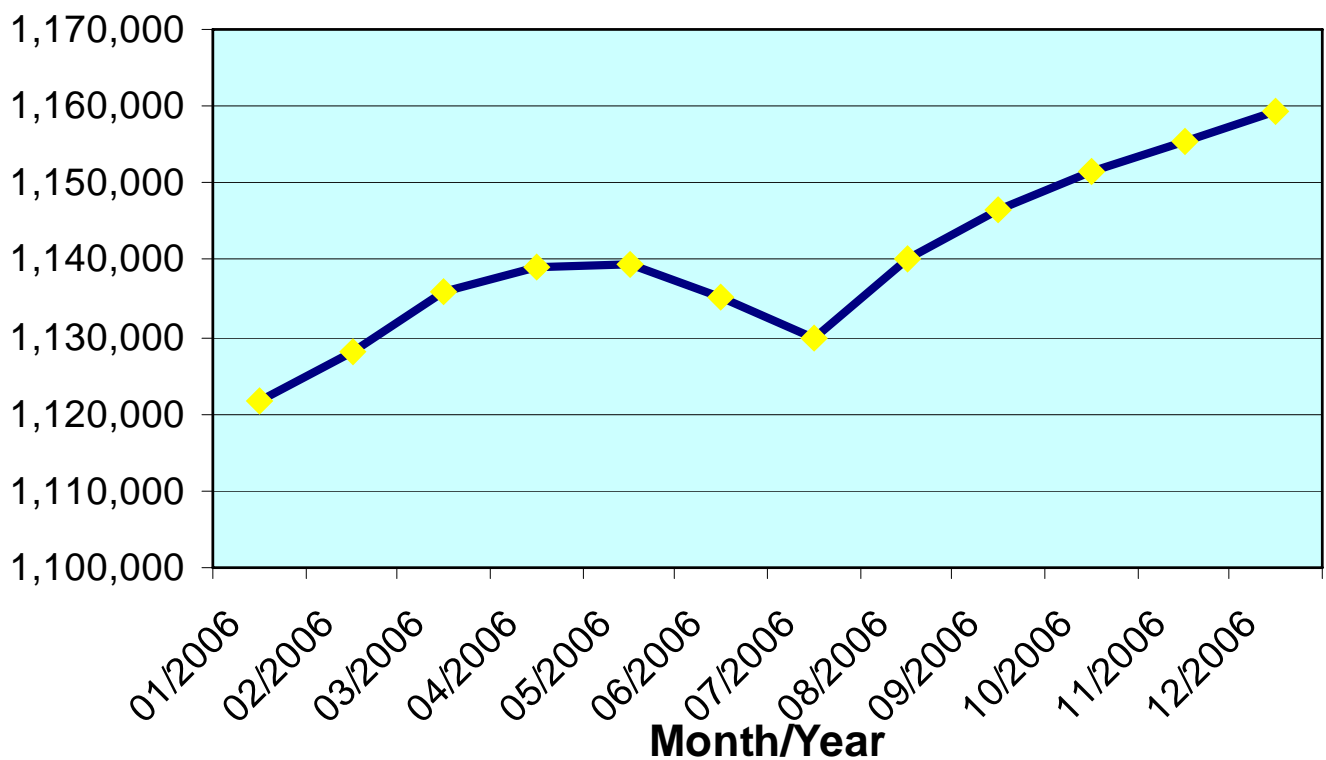
	Preliminary Dec 2006	Revised Nov 2006	Revised Dec 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,159,500	1,155,500	1,130,300	4,000	0.3	29,200	2.6
Total Private	908,400	903,400	887,100	5,000	0.6	21,300	2.4
Goods Producing	241,700	241,100	239,000	600	0.2	2,700	1.1
Service Providing	917,800	914,400	891,300	3,400	0.4	26,500	3.0
Private Service Providing	666,700	662,300	648,100	4,400	0.7	18,600	2.9
Natural Resources & Mining	9,400	9,300	8,500	100	1.1	900	10.6
Construction	57,100	57,200	54,200	(100)	(0.2)	2,900	5.4
Manufacturing	175,200	174,600	176,300	600	0.3	(1,100)	(0.6)
Durable Goods	116,200	116,000	115,800	200	0.2	400	0.3
Wood Product Manufacturing	13,500	13,500	13,500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	0.0	200	3.4
Fabricated Metals	10,900	11,000	10,500	(100)	(0.9)	400	3.8
Machinery Manufacturing	12,200	12,200	12,300	0	0.0	(100)	(0.8)
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	10,700	10,700	10,200	0	0.0	500	4.9
Electrical Equipment	5,700	5,600	5,200	100	1.8	500	9.6
Transportation Equipment	29,200	28,700	28,600	500	1.7	600	2.1
Motor Vehicle Parts	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ship & Boat Building	14,100	13,600	14,000	500	3.7	100	0.7
Furniture & Related	25,900	25,900	26,900	0	0.0	(1,000)	(3.7)
Nondurable Goods	59,000	58,600	60,500	400	0.7	(1,500)	(2.5)
Food Manufacturing	25,600	25,500	26,300	100	0.4	(700)	(2.7)
Animal Slaughtering	18,100	18,200	18,800	(100)	(0.5)	(700)	(3.7)
Paper Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	0.0	(100)	(1.8)
Plastics & Rubber	8,500	8,500	8,800	0	0.0	(300)	(3.4)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	231,400	227,600	227,200	3,800	1.7	4,200	1.8
Wholesale Trade	36,900	35,600	35,100	1,300	3.7	1,800	5.1
Retail Trade	145,300	143,300	144,100	2,000	1.4	1,200	0.8
Food & Beverage Stores	18,200	18,400	18,500	(200)	(1.1)	(300)	(1.6)
Grocery Stores	16,800	16,900	16,600	(100)	(0.6)	200	1.2
General Merchandise	40,500	39,500	39,300	1,000	2.5	1,200	3.1
Department Stores	11,300	11,100	10,800	200	1.8	500	4.6
Other General Merchandise	29,200	28,400	28,500	800	2.8	700	2.5
Transportation, Warehouse, Utilities	49,200	48,700	48,000	500	1.0	1,200	2.5
Utilities	8,000	7,900	7,900	100	1.3	100	1.3
Electric Power Generation	5,800	5,800	5,600	0	0.0	200	3.6
Transportation & Warehousing	41,200	40,800	40,100	400	1.0	1,100	2.7
Warehousing & Storage	9,300	8,900	8,700	400	4.5	600	6.9
Information	13,600	13,700	13,900	(100)	(0.7)	(300)	(2.2)
Telecommunications	6,800	6,800	7,200	0	0.0	(400)	(5.6)
Financial Activities	46,700	46,300	46,200	400	0.9	500	1.1
Finance & Insurance	34,400	34,100	34,200	300	0.9	200	0.6
Credit Intermediation	21,200	21,000	21,100	200	1.0	100	0.5
Depository Credit Intermediation	15,300	15,100	15,200	200	1.3	100	0.7
Insurance Carriers	11,800	11,800	11,500	0	0.0	300	2.6
Real Estate & Rental	12,300	12,200	12,000	100	0.8	300	2.5
Professional & Business Services	91,300	90,900	89,700	400	0.4	1,600	1.8
Prof., Scient., Technical Services	32,600	32,500	31,600	100	0.3	1,000	3.2
Management of Companies	9,300	9,300	9,500	0	0.0	(200)	(2.1)
Admin Support & Waste Management	49,400	49,100	48,600	300	0.6	800	1.6
Educational & Health Services	124,400	124,500	122,600	(100)	(0.1)	1,800	1.5
Education Services	16,400	16,500	16,300	(100)	(0.6)	100	0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	108,000	108,000	106,300	0	0.0	1,700	1.6
Hospitals	30,100	29,900	28,900	200	0.7	1,200	4.2
Nursing & Resident Care	22,500	22,500	21,800	0	0.0	700	3.2
Leisure & Hospitality	121,500	121,600	111,300	(100)	(0.1)	10,200	9.2
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	11,700	11,900	9,600	(200)	(1.7)	2,100	21.9
Amusements , Gambling, Recreation	10,300	10,600	8,700	(300)	(2.8)	1,600	18.4
Accommodation & Food Services	109,800	109,700	101,700	100	0.1	8,100	8.0
Accommodation	32,800	32,800	25,400	0	0.0	7,400	29.1
Food Services & Drinking	77,000	76,900	76,300	100	0.1	700	0.9
Other Services (Private)	37,800	37,700	37,200	100	0.3	600	1.6
Repair & Maintenance	9,900	10,000	9,500	(100)	(1.0)	400	4.2
Government	251,100	252,100	243,200	(1,000)	(0.4)	7,900	3.2
Federal	25,800	25,800	25,700	0	0.0	100	0.4
State	59,900	60,800	59,300	(900)	(1.5)	600	1.0
State Education	21,400	22,600	21,600	(1,200)	(5.3)	(200)	(0.9)
Local	165,400	165,500	158,200	(100)	(0.1)	7,200	4.6
Local Education	90,100	90,000	85,700	100	0.1	4,400	5.1

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Nonfarm Employment Mississippi - Dec 2006



Nonfarm Employment - Mississippi



Gulfport-Biloxi MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Hancock, Harrison & Stone Counties

	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	102,000	101,400	91,500	600	0.6	10,500	11.5
Total Private	77,900	77,100	67,700	800	1.0	10,200	15.1
Goods Producing	12,100	12,100	11,100	0	0.0	1,000	9.0
Service Providing	89,900	89,300	80,400	600	0.7	9,500	11.8
Private Service Providing	65,800	65,000	56,600	800	1.2	9,200	16.3
Natural Resources & Construction	6,300	6,200	6,000	100	1.6	300	5.0
Manufacturing	5,800	5,900	5,100	(100)	(1.7)	700	13.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	17,600	17,200	16,700	400	2.3	900	5.4
Retail Trade	12,100	11,800	11,400	300	2.5	700	6.1
Leisure & Hospitality	21,100	21,100	13,800	0	0.0	7,300	52.9
Government	24,100	24,300	23,800	(200)	(0.8)	300	1.3
Federal	8,500	8,700	8,300	(200)	(2.3)	200	2.4
State	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	0.0	(100)	(3.7)
Local	13,000	13,000	12,800	0	0.0	200	1.6
Local Education	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	0.0	100	1.6

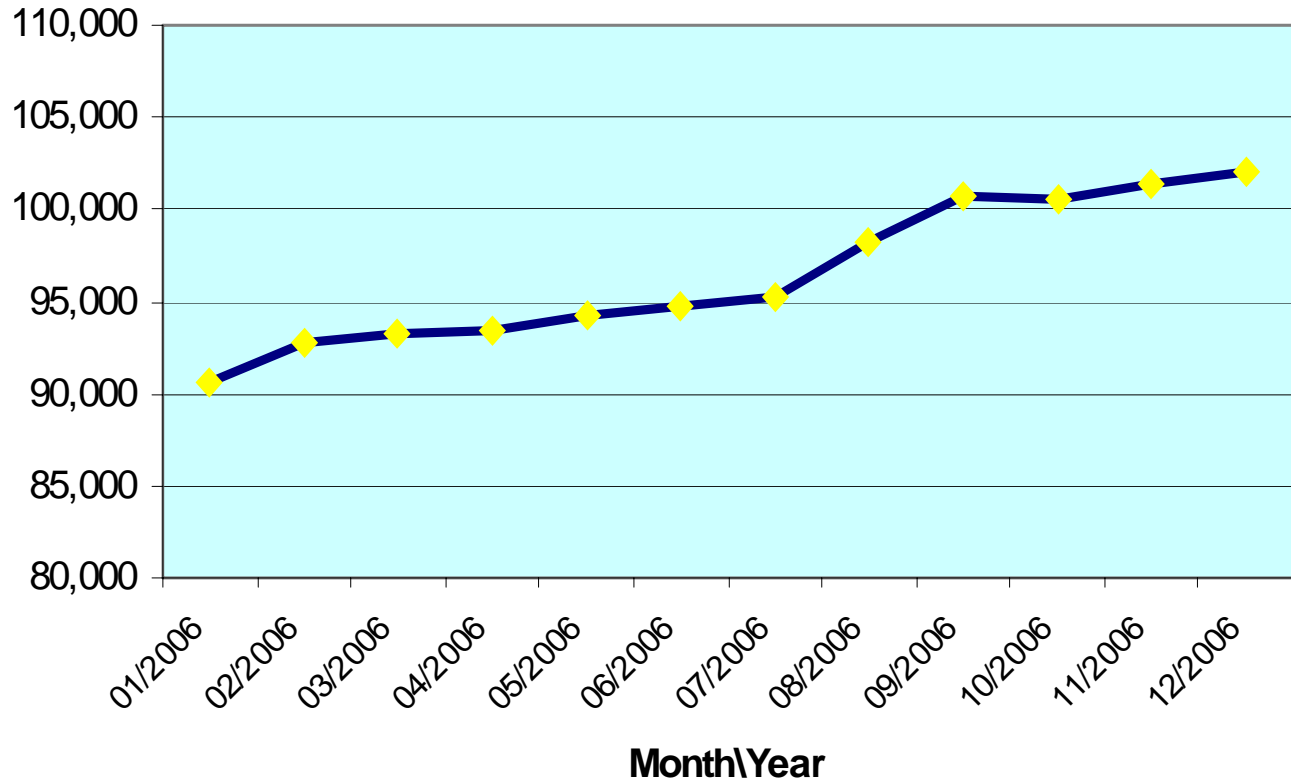
Hattiesburg MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Forrest, Lamar & Perry Counties

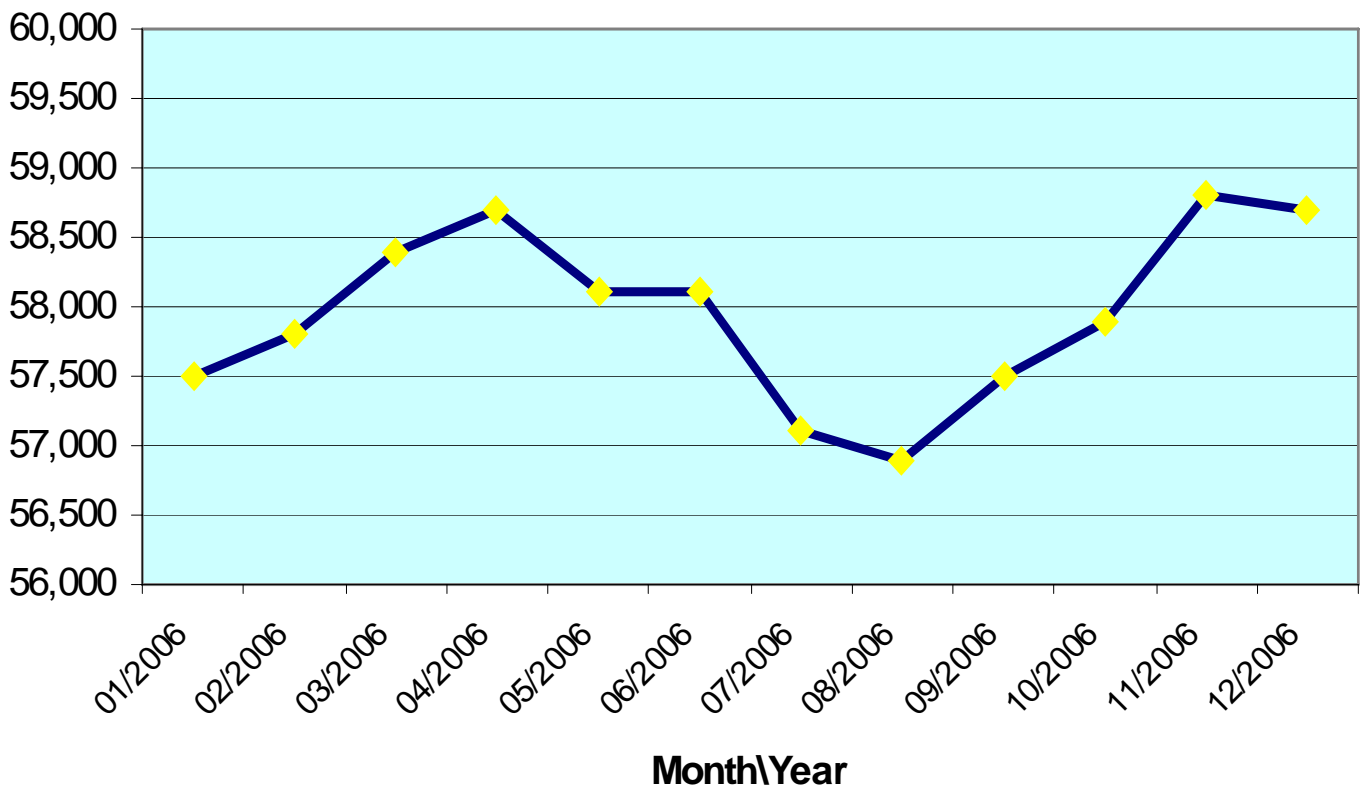
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	58,700	58,800	58,200	(100)	(0.2)	500	0.9
Total Private	44,000	44,100	43,600	(100)	(0.2)	400	0.9
Goods Producing	7,400	7,500	7,300	(100)	(1.3)	100	1.4
Service Providing	51,300	51,300	50,900	0	0.0	400	0.8
Private Service Providing	36,600	36,600	36,300	0	0.0	300	0.8
Manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,500	0	0.0	(100)	(2.2)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,900	12,800	12,800	100	0.8	100	0.8
Retail Trade	9,000	9,000	9,200	0	0.0	(200)	(2.2)
Leisure & Hospitality	6,400	6,300	6,200	100	1.6	200	3.2
Government	14,700	14,700	14,600	0	0.0	100	0.7
Federal	700	700	700	0	0.0	0	0.0
State	4,300	4,300	4,600	0	0.0	(300)	(6.5)
Local	9,700	9,700	9,300	0	0.0	400	4.3
Local Education	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	0.0	(100)	(2.7)

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Nonfarm Employment - Gulfport Biloxi MSA



Nonfarm Employment - Hattiesburg MSA



Jackson MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin & Simpson Counties

	Preliminary Dec 2006	Revised Nov 2006	Revised Dec 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	263,300	263,100	258,600	200	0.1	4,700	1.8
Total Private	208,400	208,200	204,800	200	0.1	3,600	1.8
Goods Producing	37,200	37,200	36,400	0	0.0	800	2.2
Service Providing	226,100	225,900	222,200	200	0.1	3,900	1.8
Private Service Providing	171,200	171,000	168,400	200	0.1	2,800	1.7
Natural Resources & Mining	700	700	800	0	0.0	(100)	(12.5)
Construction	13,500	13,500	13,100	0	0.0	400	3.1
Manufacturing	23,000	23,000	22,500	0	0.0	500	2.2
Durable Goods	15,800	15,800	15,700	0	0.0	100	0.6
Transportation Equipment	8,200	8,400	7,900	(200)	(2.4)	300	3.8
Nondurable Goods	7,200	7,200	6,800	0	0.0	400	5.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	54,200	53,700	53,400	500	0.9	800	1.5
Wholesale Trade	11,900	11,900	11,300	0	0.0	600	5.3
Retail Trade	31,400	30,800	31,100	600	1.9	300	1.0
General Merchandise	7,600	7,600	8,000	0	0.0	(400)	(5.0)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	10,900	11,000	11,000	(100)	(0.9)	(100)	(0.9)
Information	4,100	4,100	4,600	0	0.0	(500)	(10.9)
Financial Activities	15,900	16,100	16,100	(200)	(1.2)	(200)	(1.2)
Finance & Insurance	12,600	12,700	12,600	(100)	(0.8)	0	0.0
Credit Intermediation	5,200	5,200	4,900	0	0.0	300	6.1
Professional & Business Services	30,400	30,500	29,100	(100)	(0.3)	1,300	4.5
Profess., Scientific, Technical Services	12,600	12,600	11,800	0	0.0	800	6.8
Management of Companies	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	0.0	(200)	(5.0)
Admin Support & Waste Management	14,000	14,100	13,300	(100)	(0.7)	700	5.3
Educational & Health Services	34,100	33,900	33,300	200	0.6	800	2.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	27,100	27,000	26,100	100	0.4	1,000	3.8
Hospitals	8,600	8,700	8,800	(100)	(1.1)	(200)	(2.3)
Leisure & Hospitality	22,600	22,800	22,000	(200)	(0.9)	600	2.7
Accommodation & Food Services	20,900	20,900	20,100	0	0.0	800	4.0
Other Services (Private)	9,900	9,900	9,900	0	0.0	0	0.0
Government	54,900	54,900	53,800	0	0.0	1,100	2.0
Federal	5,600	5,600	5,500	0	0.0	100	1.8
State	25,700	25,700	25,700	0	0.0	0	0.0
State Education	6,500	6,500	6,600	0	0.0	(100)	(1.5)
Local	23,600	23,600	22,600	0	0.0	1,000	4.4
Local Education	14,400	14,500	14,100	(100)	(0.7)	300	2.1

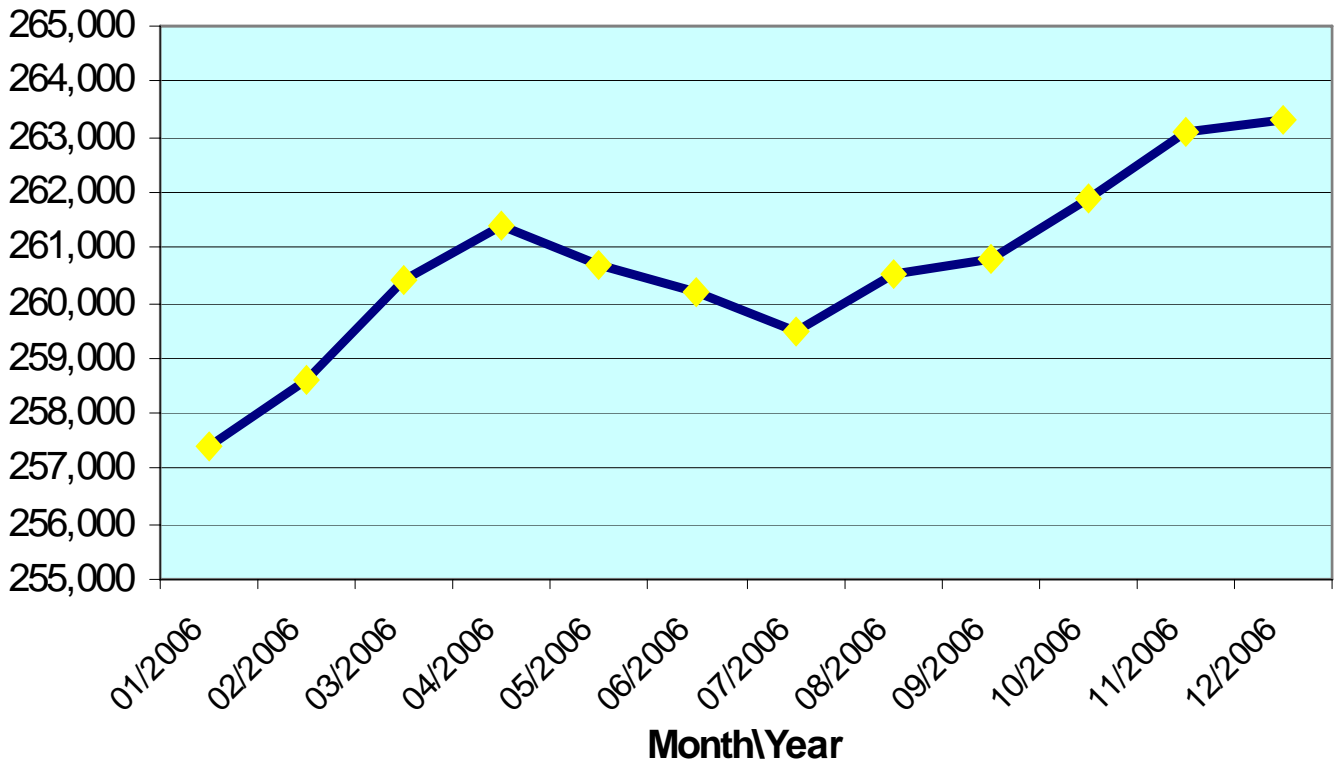
Pascagoula MSA Nonfarm Employment

Includes Jackson & George Counties

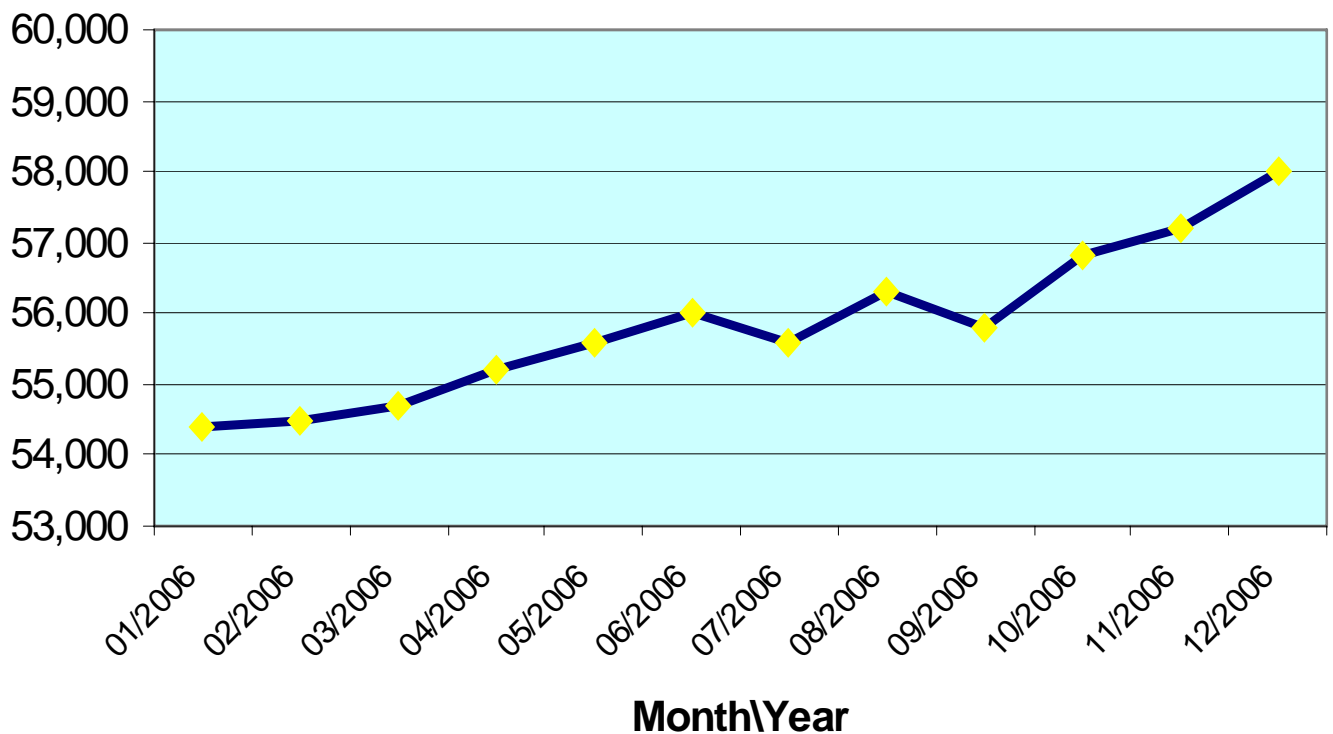
	Preliminary Dec 2006	Revised Nov 2006	Revised Dec 2005	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
				Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Total Nonfarm Employment	58,000	57,200	55,100	800	1.4	2,900	5.3
Total Private	46,700	45,800	44,200	900	2.0	2,500	5.7
Goods Producing	18,800	18,200	18,300	600	3.3	500	2.7
Service Producing	39,200	39,000	36,800	200	0.5	2,400	6.5
Private Service Providing	27,900	27,600	25,900	300	1.1	2,000	7.7
Natural Resources & Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	0.0	100	3.6
Manufacturing	15,900	15,300	15,500	600	3.9	400	2.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,900	9,000	8,500	(100)	(1.1)	400	4.7
Retail Trade	6,300	6,300	6,000	0	0.0	300	5.0
Government	11,300	11,400	10,900	(100)	(0.9)	400	3.7
Federal	800	800	800	0	0.0	0	0.0
State	500	500	500	0	0.0	0	0.0
Local	10,000	10,100	9,600	(100)	(1.0)	400	4.2
Local Education	4,900	4,900	4,600	0	0.0	300	6.5

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Nonfarm Employment - Jackson MSA



Nonfarm Employment - Pascagoula MSA



Average Hours & Earnings

Data are for production workers only

Mississippi

Manufacturing
Durable Goods
Wood Products
Fabricated Metals
Machinery
Furniture
Nondurable Goods
Food Products

Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 05	Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 05	Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 05
\$579.49	\$546.29	\$564.44	41.6	39.5	41.2	\$13.93	\$13.83	\$13.70
\$621.78	\$565.92	\$619.74	43.0	39.3	42.8	\$14.46	\$14.40	\$14.48
\$498.85	\$497.78	\$491.51	42.6	42.4	46.5	\$11.71	\$11.74	\$10.57
\$668.38	\$604.58	\$624.60	46.0	43.0	45.0	\$14.53	\$14.06	\$13.88
\$640.46	\$608.08	\$654.03	41.4	39.9	43.0	\$15.47	\$15.24	\$15.21
\$536.71	\$471.02	\$525.84	41.8	36.4	42.0	\$12.84	\$12.94	\$12.52
\$507.25	\$511.83	\$463.43	39.2	39.8	38.3	\$12.94	\$12.86	\$12.10
\$380.02	\$382.96	\$379.64	37.7	38.8	37.7	\$10.08	\$9.87	\$10.07

Jackson MSA Manufacturing

\$610.60	\$591.67	\$612.68	37.3	35.6	36.6	\$16.37	\$16.62	\$16.74
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Comparative Labor Force Data

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Mississippi

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

			Monthly Change		Annual Change	
Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
1,335,100	1,326,000	1,323,600	9,100	0.7	11,500	0.9
93,300	92,100	109,300	1,200	1.3	(16,000)	(14.6)
7.0%	6.9%	8.3%	0.1	xxx	(1.3)	xxx
1,241,800	1,233,900	1,214,300	7,900	0.6	27,500	2.3

Gulfport-Biloxi MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

			Monthly Change		Annual Change	
Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
110,220	109,270	111,600	950	0.9	(1,380)	(1.2)
8,540	8,800	19,380	(260)	(3.0)	(10,840)	(55.9)
7.7%	8.1%	17.4%	(0.4)	xxx	(9.7)	xxx
101,680	100,470	92,220	1,210	1.2	9,460	10.3

Hattiesburg MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

			Monthly Change		Annual Change	
Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
65,560	65,060	65,480	500	0.8	80	0.1
3,480	3,430	3,700	50	1.5	(220)	(5.9)
5.3%	5.3%	5.6%	0.0	xxx	(0.3)	xxx
62,080	61,630	61,780	450	0.7	300	0.5

Jackson MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

			Monthly Change		Annual Change	
Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
270,560	268,520	268,180	2,040	0.8	2,380	0.9
14,760	14,580	15,090	180	1.2	(330)	(2.2)
5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	0.1	xxx	(0.1)	xxx
255,800	253,940	253,090	1,860	0.7	2,710	1.1

Pascagoula MSA

Civilian Labor Force
Unemployed
Unemployment Rate
Employed

			Monthly Change		Annual Change	
Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2005	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
71,130	69,780	71,220	1,350	1.9	(90)	(0.1)
5,040	4,990	8,560	50	1.0	(3,520)	(41.1)
7.1%	7.1%	12.0%	0.0	xxx	(4.9)	xxx
66,090	64,790	62,660	1,300	2.0	3,430	5.5

Unemployment Claims Data

	Current	Previous	Year Ago	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 05	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
Initial UI Claims	14,030	13,451	12,711	579	4.3	1,319	10.4
Continued Claims	77,378	70,091	183,475	7,287	10.4	(106,097)	(57.8)
Benefits Paid	\$10,083,242	\$9,098,355	\$28,078,797	\$984,887	10.8	(\$17,995,555)	(64.1)
Weeks Paid	59,658	54,244	141,438	5,414	10.0	(81,780)	(57.8)
First Payments	4,910	4,553	5,049	357	7.8	(139)	(2.8)
Final Payments	1,226	1,171	1,658	55	4.7	(432)	(26.1)
Avg. Weekly Benefit	\$169.02	\$167.73	\$198.52	\$1.29	0.8	(\$29.50)	(14.9)

Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers (U)

	Current	Previous	Year Ago	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 05	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
All Items (1982-84= 100)	201.8	201.5	196.8	0.3	0.1	5.0	2.5
Food & Beverages	197.4	197.2	193.2	0.2	0.1	4.2	2.2
Housing	204.8	204.5	198.3	0.3	0.1	6.5	3.3
Shelter	235.1	234.9	225.6	0.2	0.1	9.5	4.2
Rent of primary residence	230.0	228.9	220.5	1.1	0.5	9.5	4.3
Apparel	118.6	121.7	117.5	(3.1)	(2.5)	1.1	0.9
Transportation	175.4	173.9	172.7	1.5	0.9	2.7	1.6
Medical Care	340.1	340.1	328.4	0.0	0.0	11.7	3.6
Recreation *	110.8	111.2	109.7	(0.4)	(0.4)	1.1	1.0
Education & Communications *	118.0	118.1	115.3	(0.1)	(0.1)	2.7	2.3
Other Goods & Services	326.7	324.3	317.3	2.4	0.7	9.4	3.0

Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (W)

	Current	Previous	Year Ago	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec 06	Nov 06	Dec 05	Net	Pct	Net	Pct
All Items (1982-84= 100)	197.2	196.8	192.5	0.4	0.2	4.7	2.4
Food & Beverages	196.5	196.5	192.5	0.0	0.0	4.0	2.1
Housing	200.5	199.9	194.2	0.6	0.3	6.3	3.2
Shelter	228.3	227.8	219.2	0.5	0.2	9.1	4.2
Rent of primary residence	229.1	228.0	219.7	1.1	0.5	9.4	4.3
Apparel	118.6	121.8	117.2	(3.2)	(2.6)	1.4	1.2
Transportation	174.4	172.7	171.6	1.7	1.0	2.8	1.6
Medical Care	340.0	339.8	328.2	0.2	0.1	11.8	3.6
Recreation *	108.1	108.5	107.1	(0.4)	(0.4)	1.0	0.9
Education & Communications *	114.8	114.9	112.6	(0.1)	(0.1)	2.2	2.0
Other Goods & Services	335.7	332.9	326.6	2.8	0.8	9.1	2.8

* Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base

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